

CLAIMS:

1. A vehicle for raising and transporting a crypt lid, the vehicle comprising a main frame supported on spaced ground-engaging elements which locate astride the crypt lid when the vehicle is positioned over the crypt lid, an attachment frame for connection to the lid, the attachment frame being located within the main frame, and a powered lifting mechanism for raising the attachment frame relative to the main frame.
2. A vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the vehicle is a trailer and the ground-engaging elements are wheels.
3. A vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the attachment frame has a plurality of winches thereon, each having a winch line connectible to a respective attachment fitting on the crypt lid.
4. A vehicle as claimed in claim 3, wherein each winch line has a hook at the free end thereof.
5. A vehicle as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a support frame mounted on the main frame and slidable therealong in a direction transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle, and at least one hydraulic cylinder for moving the support frame transversely relative to main frame, the attachment frame being suspended from the support frame.
6. A vehicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein the attachment frame comprises a generally horizontal rectangular frame, and the powered lifting mechanism comprises a plurality of hydraulic cylinders, each connected between a respective corner of the rectangular frame and the support frame.
7. A lid lifting vehicle for raising and transporting a crypt lid, the vehicle comprising
 - a main frame of generally rectangular configuration when viewed from above, and having a longitudinal axis,
 - a support frame mounted on the main frame, and adjustable relative to the main frame in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis,
 - an attachment frame dependent from the support frame, the attachment frame having connectors thereon for connection to respective attachment fittings on the crypt lid, and

means for raising and lowering the attachment frame relative to the support frame and within the main frame, to thereby raise or lower the crypt lid when connected to the attachment frame.

8. A vehicle as claimed in claim 7, wherein the connectors comprise
5 winch cables wound on respective winches, and having their free ends adapted to be connected to the attachment fittings.

9. A method of raising a crypt lid which is buried under soil and/or
turf, comprising the steps of
10 locating the horizontal position of the crypt lid,
placing a template having an outline corresponding to the outline
of the crypt lid on the soil/turf directly above the crypt lid, and cutting through
the soil/turf around the perimeter of the template,

positioning a lid lifting vehicle over the crypt lid, the vehicle having
a main frame and an attachment frame located within the main frame, the
15 attachment frame being able to be raised or lowered relative to the main frame,
connecting the attachment frame to the crypt lid through the
overlying soil/turf,

raising the attachment frame relative to the main frame to thereby
lift the crypt lid and any soil/turf overlying the crypt lid, and
20 moving the vehicle to a different location with the crypt lid
suspended from the attachment frame thereof.

10. A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the attachment frame
has a plurality of winches, each having a cable wound thereon, and the step of
connecting the attachment frame to the crypt lid comprises connecting the
25 winch cables to respective attachment fittings on the crypt lid.

11. A method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the attachment frame is
suspended from a support frame by hydraulic cylinders, the support frame
being supported on the main frame and moveable laterally relative to the main
frame, further comprising the step of adjusting the lateral position of the support
30 frame relative to the main frame to locate the attachment frame over the crypt
lid.

12. A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the step of raising the

attachment frame comprises lifting the attachment frame using the hydraulic cylinders.